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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-7-06

SPONSOR Feldman LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Support Health Care for all New Mexicans SB SJM 26

ANALYST Collard

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HJM 50

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Human Services Department (HSD)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Joint Memorial 26

Senate Joint Memorial 26 endorses the concept of health care coverage for all as the state ranks second to last in the nation with an estimated 21 percent of the population uninsured and 41 percent of employers failing to offer health insurance to their employee. Additionally, the joint memorial cites state law stating that the policy of the state is to promote optimal health; prevent disease, disability and premature death; improve the quality of life and assure that basic health care services are available, accessible, acceptable and culturally appropriate. The memorial also states that providing basic treatment is a method for meeting that policy; and that the health policy should be adhered to, implemented and endorsed.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal implication associated with this joint memorial.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The joint memorial asks to the Legislature, as the governing body, to establish goals for a health policy to implement the concept of health care coverage for all New Mexicans.

According to PED school fact sheets, 25 of the 89 school districts have over 30 percent of the population ages 5 to 17 living in poverty. They may or may not be eligible for Medicaid.

DUPLICATION

Senate Joint Memorial 26 duplicates House Joint Memorial 50.

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